Some remarkable effects of a great Storm of Thunder *and* Lightning *at* Portſmouth *Oct.* 23. 85.

I Cannot omit giving an Account of what hath hapned to us here the 23d. inſtant between 4 and 5 of the Clock in the Evening in the height of the Storm we had here.

On board his *Majeſtys* ſhip the *Royal James*, a flaſh of *Lightning* and *Thunder* together, took the Maſt which was put into her for Careening, being a made Maſt, and bound with Iron hoops from one end to the other, and ſhivered it down to the Deck, breaking one of the Iron hoops in the body of the Maſt, ſo that Splinters are forc't out of the middle of the Maſt a foot and ½ long, (and a ball of fire run too and fro on the Deck) in ſo much that the Maſt is wholly unſerviceable and muſt be taken out.

On board the *Coronation*, notwithſtanding the Ships head was to windward, a great Ball of fire came into the Gunroom Ports, and threw a Boy out of one of the Ports, and he was drowned; and ſeverall Workmen being on board, as Carpenters, Joyners, and Seamen, were ſtruck down and made ſenſeleſs for ſome time, and the Ball of Fire ran up and ſtruck on the Starboard ſide of the Wardrobe, and left a place ſcorched round upon the ſide, and between the two Ring-bolts, as if it had been a ſhott; and beat the Wainſcott over to the other ſide, all ſcorcht as if with Fire; and run up againſt the Doors and Hinges, away; and run into ſeverall Balls of Fire on the Deck amongſt the Men; and ſome part of it broke in at the Windows of the round houſe, and ſhivered off a great deal of the Wainſcott, and broke the Glaſſes of a Perſpective Glaſs, and made a hole through a Letter that lay in the Window eight double, the circumference of a Musket Bullet, and no more; it alſo ſhivered the Timber that holds the Enſigne-ſtaff on the Poop. *Portſmouth October* 24th. 1685. *Seve-*